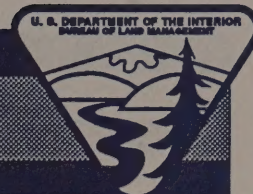


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Under Secretary Dedicates Byways

More than 400 people attended the national Back Country Byways dedication at the Gold Butte Byway near Mesquite, Nev., in early April amid the spectacular red, pink, tan and white sandstone of Whitney Pockets, one of the geological highlights along the byway.

Interior Under Secretary Frank Bracken capped the three-day event by formally dedicating

Motors, Inc., and Farmers Insurance Group of Companies spoke at the ceremony about their innovative partnerships with the BLM. Local and state officials also spoke.

Despite protests from a handful of ranchers and Native Americans concerned about effects the byway would have on grazing allotments and cultural sites, one member of the public said, "BLM really outdid itself on this event. It was fantastic

scenery, great food and a super event." Nevada BLM is continuing to work with cattlemen's organizations and the Moapa Tribal Council to resolve concerns.

The Nevada Commission on Tourism, a co-sponsor of the event, kicked off the three-day festivities with a hosted dinner and reception in Las Vegas, where Nevada Gov. Bob Miller spoke with media representatives. America West Airlines flew in travel writers from across the nation, and the San Remo Hotel in Las Vegas and Peppermill Hotel in Mesquite supplied rooms and meals for them.

Another reception the next night in Mesquite, hosted by Farmers Insurance Group of Companies, featured nationally known cowboy

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Interior Under Secretary Frank Bracken speaks at the national dedication of BLM's Back Country Byways near Mesquite, Nev.

Photo by Alan Hoffmeister.

the system of byways on behalf of the federal government. Derrick Crandall, president of the national American Recreation Coalition, accepted a dedication plaque and symbolic mile marker number 1 on behalf of the American public.

Representatives from Nevada's Congressional offices, the Governor's office, local dignitaries, a variety of user groups and more than 75 media representatives from around the country attended.

In addition, Director Cy Jamison emceed the ceremony, and officials from BLM's national Back Country Byways partners, American Isuzu

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Message from the Director

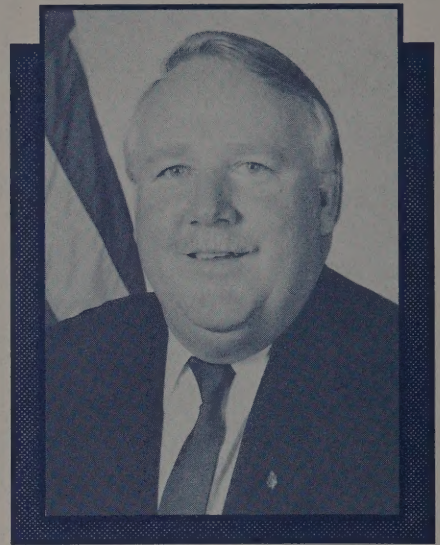
Iwould like to take some time to update you on a few issues that have been high on BLM's priority list this spring.

A great deal of our time has been devoted to issues concerning the desert tortoise. Populations of the tortoise have been declining in recent years because of disease, predation, and impacts on its habitat from human population pressures. We have been aggressive in attempting to find solutions to conservation of the species. A rangewide plan covering California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah was implemented more than a year ago and builds on several earlier efforts that drew together a number of working groups of federal and state agencies, as well as the livestock industry and wildlife organizations. Primarily because of an outbreak of a highly contagious and often fatal respiratory disease, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service placed the desert Mohvæ population of tortoise on the threatened list in April. This means BLM will manage key tortoise habitat areas to ensure that other uses in the area do not jeopardize the recovery of the species.

We are now working to find an acceptable conservation plan for the northern spotted owl in western Oregon. If the recent

Interagency Scientific Committee's recommendations were fully implemented, there would be a 62 percent reduction of BLM's annual timber sales in Oregon. Consequently, we are working with all interested parties and are exploring all possible management options to deal with this issue. This is a very difficult issue, pitting the survival of a species against thousands of jobs, and the outcome will have far-reaching implications.

In the area of mining, I am committed to transforming our mining law administration program so that we can manage hard-rock minerals in better harmony with other public land resources. I believe we can resolve many public concerns and criticisms about hard-rock mining through an aggressive surface management program. We have already increased the number of BLM inspections required at mining operations and have set new standards for documenting inspections. Right now, we are revising our reclamation bonding operations. We will soon be issuing a national policy to ensure that operators using cyanide on the public land will manage cyanide to protect both the public and wildlife. We will also be looking at our reclamation policies to see if changes are needed and at current reclama-



Cy Jamison

tion practices to identify successful techniques that could be implemented at other operations.

We continue to form new partnerships and reach out to new constituencies. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding with The Nature Conservancy to continue our work together protecting public land resources and maintaining our sensitive ecosystems. We are working with the Center for Plant Conservation to save certain species from extinction and with Pheasants Forever to improve habitat for ringneck pheasant and other upland game bird species.

In time for summer vacationers, we have kicked off the Back Country Byways program. On April 7, Under Secretary Frank Bracken dedicated the Byways System at the Gold Butte Back Country Byway near Mesquite, Nevada. This is a co-

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Back Country Byways Dedication (cont. from cover)

poet Ernie Fanning.

One highlight was a half-day-long interpretive tour of the Gold Butte Byway for the media. American Isuzu Motors provided Isuzu Troopers and Amigos for the trip. BLM employees from all states assisted in showing and interpreting such BLM-administered features as Devil's Throat, a rare geologic sinkhole that continues to expand for reasons unknown; ancient petroglyphs and desert tortoises; the fascinating Whitney Pockets area; and the historic Gold Butte mining and ranching area. The excursion culminated in a helicopter tour of the area.

"Logistically, it was quite a challenge," said Dave Wolf, Nevada State Office wilderness coordinator and logistics chief for the event. Management of

the event was based on the Incident Command System, commonly used to manage wildfires. "The travel writers seemed thrilled with the aerial tour and our helitack operations. It really took a lot of effort from the Las Vegas District and BLM employees from around the country to pull this tour off."

The event ended after the dedication ceremony with a catered barbeque and country music.

"We certainly accomplished all of the goals we had set," said Bill Civish, Washington Office chief of recreation and cultural resources. "We increased the public's awareness about BLM, the unique resources we manage and the multiple-use concept. We had travel writers there whose magazines repre-

sent millions in circulation. We're building constituents and partnerships. It was an outstanding effort by everyone involved to showcase the BLM."

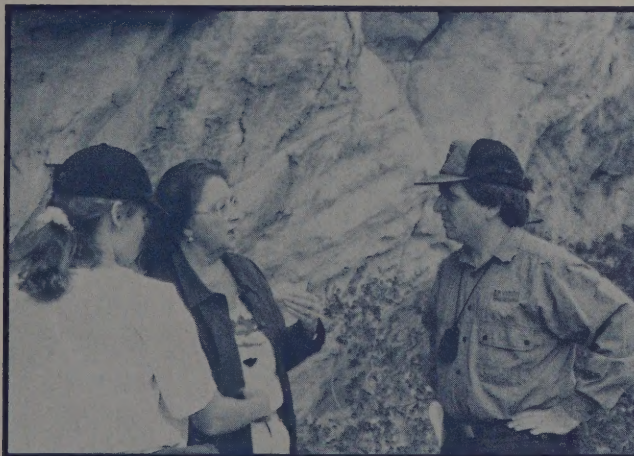
Director (cont. from page 2)

operative effort with the American Recreation Coalition, the Farmers Insurance Group, American Isuzu Motors, state and local governments and individuals. To date, we have almost 40 byways with nearly 1,000 miles to enjoy. The Back Country Byways program is a great way to promote partnerships and tell the American public our multiple-use story. Let's make sure we take advantage of those opportunities. You might want to take time to explore a Back Country Byway in your area soon.

We're working on some exciting projects. We're opening the agency up to cooperation with many new people and new ideas, and we're meeting with success. This is a very effective approach, and I hope in the months to come you will keep looking for new and innovative ways to improve our management of the public lands.

We can all be proud to be part of BLM. Keep up the good work.

*Jean Auel, author of **Clan of the Cave Bear**, talks with Mary Wright, freelance makeup artist, and Chip Calamaio, Phoenix Training Center TV producer, at Redrock Canyon near Las Vegas, Nev., before shooting a recent public service announcement for cultural resources protection.*



Get Involved, It's Worth it

by Lanny O. Wilson
Area Manager, Cottonwood
Resource Area

The young man walking toward me had tears streaming down his cheeks. So did I. We both knew that, at the age of 15, Brian had played his last baseball game. As we approached each other, my arms encircled him as his arms closed about me. We just stood there crying and patting each other on the back in an effort to console one another. Fans and players from both teams stood clapping in deep respect for this young ball player. It was a special and difficult time. It was a time I will forever be grateful I had.

This story had begun two years earlier in May 1978 in Boise, Idaho. I was looking over the 13- to 15-year-old boys who would play on that year's Babe Ruth baseball team. Teams were selected by area of town, and this was the first time I had seen Brian. He was tall for his age with black curly hair, penetrating eyes, a quick smile, and he was handicapped. Brian was clubfooted. His feet turned toward each other and were deformed. He couldn't run—in fact, he couldn't even walk very fast.



Lanny Wilson coaches a little league baseball player on the fine art of batting.

"What am I going to do with this kid?" I asked myself. I remembered actually thinking maybe he'd quit the team when he found out he really couldn't compete with boys at this level.

But, that very same day at our first practice, Brian changed my mind about his capabilities. He had a blazing fastball, a super curveball and change-up, and he changed the speed of his pitches as all good pitchers do. When he wasn't pitching, he played first base. He was an outstanding hitter. The only problem was that a double for anyone else was a single for

Brian; a home run for anyone else was a double or triple for Brian. Our parks didn't have home run fences at that time, and Brian could only round the bases at a semi-fast walk.

Brian loved to play baseball. He worked as hard as any boy I have ever coached. I could set my watch by his calls at 2 p.m. every Sunday. "Hey coach," he would say, "let's go hit a few—I always need work on my pitching control."

Brian and I became very good friends. At that time,

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Idaho Employee Receives Golden Rule Award

by Pat Entwistle
Idaho State Office
Writer-Editor

Jesse Berain, Idaho EEO officer, and his wife, Maria, were among 14 individuals and organizations in Idaho who recently received J.C. Penney's prestigious Golden Rule Award. They were selected from a group of 88 nominees, including, as Jesse describes them, "some heavy hitters," such as the Boise Crimestoppers Program and a search and rescue group.

The Berains were chosen for their contributions to the College Assistant Migrant Program (CAMP) at Boise State University (BSU). Through this program, they have formally mentored eight Hispanic students, helping them find jobs so they can stay in school, encouraging them to "hang in there" and keep their grades up, reminding them to write letters to their families, and generally playing the role of surrogate family. As Jesse is quick to point out, "It's a little bit more than just career and education. We kind of provide a home away from home."

Over the past several years, the Berains have informally

mentored dozens of students. At Christmas time their house overflowed with 28 kids who are either CAMP participants or who tagged along with someone who is.

So far this year, the CAMP organization, with a lot of help from Jesse, has placed 19 students in jobs with both private and public agencies and organizations. All are former migrants. Last year they placed a total of 103—one of them in the Idaho Governor's office. Thanks to Jesse, four are working in BLM's Idaho State Office and are doing excellent work.

Jesse is one of three people in the Idaho State Office who volunteer as mentors for CAMP. Pam Wood, EEO specialist, and Nina Madry, supervisor of the cartographic section, are also serving as mentors, helping first-year students make a successful transition into college life.

The impressive Golden Rule Award certificate that will soon be hanging in Jesse's office (if there's any space left on his wall), is accompanied by a \$250 check. In typical Berain style, Jesse and Maria plan to donate the money to the CAMP program.



Associate State Director, Pieter Van Zanden congratulates Jesse Berain, Idaho EEO officer, and his wife, Maria, on receiving the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award.

Washington Office

New BLM Employees

Norman Marcocci, Prog. Analyst, Fluid Min. Leasing
Milton Hill, Mgmt. Analyst, Mgmt. Research
Lois Fein, Paralegal Spec., Legs. & Regs.
Clare Ginger, Student Trainee, Rec. & Cult. Res.
Tara Jones-Person, Commun. Spec., Info. Res. Mgmt.

Barry Bank, Equal Opp. Spec., EEO

Reassignment/Promotions

Juliet Powell, Pers. Mgmt. Spec., Personnel
Michelle Ravnkar, Pub. Affairs Spec., Pub. Affairs
Audre Field-Williams, Pers. Mgmt. Spec., Personnel
Richard Bird, Forester, Forestry
Mary Jane Markley, Prog. Analyst to Protest Prog. Spec., Plan. & Environ. Coord.
Keith Williams, Land Surv., Cadastral Surv.
Dennis Samuelson, Realty Spec., Lands & Realty
Ivy Garcia, Land Law Exam., Eastern States, to Min. Leasing Spec., Fluid Min. Leasing
Theodore Ecker, Info. Res. Mgmt. Trainee, Info. Res. Mgmt.
Paul Brown, Prog. Analyst, Fluid Min. Leasing
Edward Spang, State Director, Nevada SO to Alaska SO
Richard Deaver, Commun. Spec., Info. Res. Mgmt.

Retirements

Ralph Conrad, Nat. Res. Spec., Lands & Realty
William Rolan Jr., Criminal Invest., Law Enforce. & Res. Protect.

Other Separations

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Maxine Snowden, Staff Asst., Office of the Director
Timothy West, Paralegal Spec., Legs. & Regs.
Susan Willcuts, Exec. Asst., Office of the Director
Rene McCray, Environ. Req. Spec., Plan. & Environ. Coord.

Alaska

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Gene Schloemer, Supv. Nat. Res. Spec., Idaho SO to AK Fire Service
Carolyn Mitchell, Land Law Exam., SO

Retirements

Barbara Yoppke, Paralegal Spec., SO

Other Separations

Louis Jones, Apprentice. & Training Rep., Arctic DO
Sharon Kendall, Land Law Exam., SO

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Anna Maria Adamo, Pub. Affairs Spec., Phoenix DO

Chris Czapski, Supv. Comp. Spec., SO

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Willard Hoffman, Carto. Tech. to Land Surv., SO

Ron Ray, Comp. Spec. to Nat. Res. Spec., AZ Strip DO

Dean Wiese, Land Surv. to Geodesist, SO

Tim Duck, Biol. Tech. to Wildlife Mgmt. Biol., AZ Strip DO

Gina Ramos, Range Con., Phoenix DO to Phoenix TC

Retirements

Glen Martin, Nat. Res. Spec., Phoenix DO

Dennis Chung, Prog. Analyst, SO

Marsha Luke, Supv. Land Law Exam., SO

Other Separations

Dan McGlothlin, Hydrol., SO
Everett Lindsey, Geol., Safford DO

California

New BLM Employees

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Kenneth Visser, Supv. Range Con., Eagle Lake RAO

Edward Lorentzen, Nat. Res. Spec., SO

Reassignment/Promotion

Stephen Hawks, Wildlife Mgmt. Biol., Susanville DO to Ukiah DO
Christopher Brong, Criminal Invest., SO

Other Separation

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Charles Boling, BLM Ranger to Oregon SO
Mark Ziegenbels, Geol., Bishop RAO

Colorado

New BLM Employees

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Douglas Diekman, GIS Coord., Grand Junction DO

Retirements

Frank Rogers, Land Surv., SO

Other Separations

Christopher Russell, Pet. Engr., Montrose DO

Eastern States Office

New BLM Employees

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Pam Quallich, Comp. Spec., SO
Silvia Mendez, Land Law Exam., SO

David Raymond, Pub. Affairs Spec., Jackson DO

Reassignments/Promotions

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Lloyd Roosevelt, Prop. Mgr., Admin. Svcs.
Sharon Kipping, Prog. Spec., L&RR
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Thomas Morris, Comp. Spec.
Pamela Taylor, Clerk Typist, Jackson DO
Patricia Ramstetter, Pet. Engr., Jackson DO

Retirements

Charles Most, Pub. Affairs Spec., SO

Idaho

New BLM Employees

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Reassignments/Promotions

Mark Johnson, Admin. Officer, Salmon DO, to Area Mgr., Challis RAO
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Paul Seronko, Environ. Prot. Spec., Boise DO
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Retirement

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Montana

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Reassignments/Promotions

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Ladd Coates, Min. Res. Spec., Miles City DO to Big Dry RAO
William Duncan, Criminal Invest., Office of State Director
Martin Griffith, Soil Scientist, Big Dry RAO to Miles City DO
Dex Hight, Hydrol., Powder River RAO to Miles City DO
Terry Messerli, Pet. Engr. Tech. to Criminal Invest., SO

Other Separations

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Mary Alice Stoner, Safety and Occup. Health Mgr., SO

Nevada

New BLM Employees

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Robert Mead, Range Con., Walker RAO
Kenneth Nelson, Realty Spec., Elko RAO
Jerry Wickstrom, Nat. Res. Spec., Las Vegas DO

Reassignments/Promotions

Wayne King, Supv. Realty Spec., Redding RAO, to Area Mgr., Shoshone-Eureka RAO

Other Separations

Cris Bybee, Soil Scientist, Ely DO
Paul Colbert, Range Tech., Las Vegas DO
Verla Harle, Land Law Exam., Las Vegas DO
Werner Sallani, Realty Spec., Elko RAO
Stanton Wilkerson, Pub. Affairs Spec., Stateline-Esmeralda RAO

New Mexico**New BLM Employees**

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Separations

Pamela Boring, Pet. Engr., Tulsa DO
Stanley Dykes, Range Con., Farmington RAO
John Andrews Jr., Supv. Phys. Scientist, Rio Puerco RAO
Lynda Dubrow, Supv. Pub. Affairs Spec., SO
Mark Alison Cadwallader, Range Con., Carlsbad RAO

Reassignments/Promotions

Ray Sanchez, Range Con. to Wildlife Mgmt. Biol., Farmington RAO
Stephen Kilpatrick, BLM Ranger, Nevada SO to Mimbres RAO
Ronald Paisley, Land Surv., SO
Michael Howard, Wildlife Mgmt. Biol., Caballo RAO
Margo Sena, Land Law Exam. to Records Sys. App. Spec., SO
Donald Ellsworth, Environ. Protect. Spec., Farmington RAO
Steven Henke, Supv. Nat. Res. Spec., Farmington RAO to Supv. Multi-Res. Spec., Albuquerque DO
Yolanda Vega, Supv. Realty Spec., Rio Puerco RAO, to Realty Spec., Albuquerque DO
William Merhege, Wildlife Mgmt. Biol., Mimbres RAO
Judith Waggoner, Realty Asst. to Realty Spec., Caballo RAO
Ronald Bartel, Pet. Engr., SO to Tulsa DO
James Salas, Geol., to Comp. Sys. Analyst, SO
Donald Hinrichsen, Outdoor Rec. Plnr. to Data Admin., SO
Douglas Filer, BLM Ranger, California SO to Roswell RAO
Matthew Ogg, Supv. Civil Engr. to Civil Engr., SO

Oregon**New BLM Employees**

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Robert Burns, Fishery Biol., Burns DO
Gary Yeager, Planning & Environ. Coord., Spokane DO
Steven Shapiro, Contract Spec., SO
Reassignments/Promotions
Ann Aldrich, Supv. Land Use Spec.,

Lewistown DO, to Area Mgr., Border RAO
David Atkins, Area Mgr., Kremmling RAO to Jordan RAO

Charles Boling, BLM Ranger, Barstow RAO, to Criminal Invest., SO

William Diage, Range Con., Beaver River RAO, to Supv. Range Con., Three Rivers RAO
Kevin Freeman, BLM Ranger, San Simon RAO, to Criminal Invest., SO

Janice Gamby, Employee Rel. Spec. to Supv. Pers. Mgmt. Spec., SO

Rebecca Gravenmier, Range Con., San Rafael RAO, to Nat. Res. Spec., SO

Douglas Huntington, Pub. Affairs Spec., Colorado SO to Eugene DO

John McGlothlin, Forester, Grants Pass RAO
Robert Mollohan, Supv. Land Law Exam. to Supv. Lands & Min. Ops. Spec., SO

Chester Novak, Soil Scientist, Santiam RAO, to Hydrol., Salem DO

Janis Jo Reimers, Nat. Res. Spec. to Ecologist, Burns DO

David Sherman, Forester, Umpqua RAO, to Supv. Forester, Myrtlewood RAO

Thomas State, Forester to Supv. Forester, SO
Merrill Tester, Fire Mgmt. Officer to Nat. Res. Spec., Roseburg DO

Retirements

Whitney Schlitt, Civil Engr. Tech., Coos Bay DO

LeRoy Stanley, Civil Engr. Tech., Roseburg DO

Robert Todd, Supv. Res. Spec. Mgmt., Medford DO

Other Separations

David Sprague, Civil Engr. Tech., Ashland RAO

Suzanne Thomas, Archaeologist, Central Oregon RAO

Utah**New BLM Employees**

Lynn Fergus, Outdoor Rec. Plnr., House Range RAO

Reassignments/Promotions

Duane Wilson, Supv. Range Con., Snake River RAO to Pony Express RAO

Kenneth Knowles, Supv. Range Con., Pony Express RAO to Snake River RAO

Frank Olsen, Supv. Range Con., Bear River RAO to Kanab RAO

Other Separations

Patricia Johnston, Wildlife Biol., Pony Express RAO

Wyoming**Reassignments/Promotions**

Robert Bennett, Asst. Min. Prog. Mgr. to DSD, Div. of Min. Res., SO
William Gewecke, Pet. Engr., Casper DO to SO

Lee Jefferies, Geol., Worland DO to Dickinson DO

Retirements

Charles Neal, Soil Scientist, Worland DO
Other Separations

Bruce Baker, Wildlife Mgmt. Biol., Kemmerer RAO

Bruce Lessig, Geol., Casper DO

Laurel Rood, Comp. Asst., Rawlins DO

Darrel Schwillig, Landscape Architect, Casper DO

Service Center**New BLM Employees**

Patricia MacMillan, Phys. Scientist, Data Mgmt.

Jeanine Brownell, Comp. Sys. Analyst, Modernization

Other Separations

Robert Green, Comp. Spec., Modernization

Boise Interagency Fire Center**New BLM Employees**

Lawrence Mahaffey, Supv. Training Spec., Training

Reassignments/Promotions

Billie Stilson, Training Spec. to Supv. Training Spec., Training

Other Separations

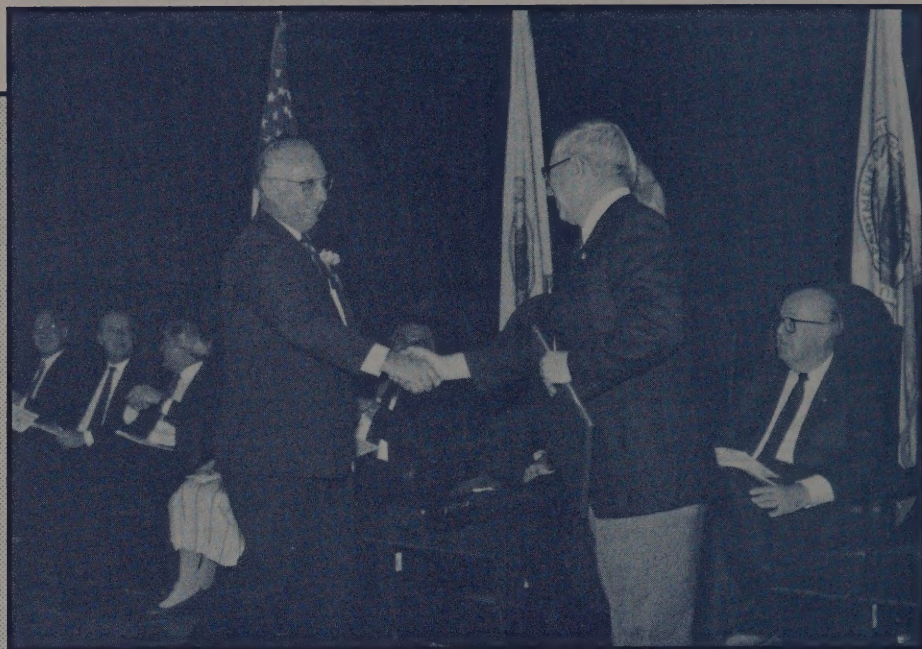
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BLM Around the Country

New Mexico State Director Larry Woodard receives the Secretary's Stewardship Award for Public Land Management from Secretary Lujan for several outstanding accomplishments including the Texas Acquired Minerals Project (TAMP) and his extensive involvement with Congress resulting in the creation of the El Malpais National Conservation Area and introduction of the Boots and Saddles Tour legislation to highlight eight historic forts in New Mexico that played a significant role in settlement of the American frontier.



•Secretary's Stewardship Awards-special awards program instituted by Secretary Lujan to recognize significant contributions in achieving his stewardship goals.



Secretary Lujan presents Chuck Otto of Montana's Lewiston District with the Department's Valor Award for saving the life of a tractor operator in a fire on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in June 1988.

•Valor Award-for DOI employees who demonstrated unusual courage involving a high degree of personal risk in the face of danger.

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Sheri Griffith President of the Western River Guides Association, is presented the Conservation Service Award by Secretary Lujan. Griffith has represented the river industry in 12 states, on 200 rivers, and for 1,000 businesses. The Secretary congratulates Griffith for her exemplary work in the preservation of rivers and recreational sites.

Secretary Lujan presents Timms Fowler of Colorado the Conservation Service Award for his leadership and coordination of the development of the 128-mile Kokopelli Mountain Bike Trail from Grand Junction, Colo., to Moab, Utah.



•Conservation Service Award-*for individuals or groups not employed by DOI, but have performed outstanding, direct service to DOI.*

BLM Around the Country

The Secretary's Stewardship Award for Native Americans is presented to M. Thomas Dean and Robert Jones by Secretary Lujan in recognition of their work to promote employment and education opportunities for Native Americans. Jones and Dean, both from the Alaska State Office, piloted the Resource Apprenticeship Program for Students (RAPS) in the Arctic District that provides worthwhile work and educational opportunities for rural Alaska students seeking a career in natural resource programs.



Dale Tunnell receives the Secretrial Stewardship Award for the War on Drugs from Secretary Lujan. Tunnell, Special Agent-in-Charge for BLM New Mexico, is cited for his exceptional efforts in the eradication of drugs.

•Secretary's Stewardship Awards-special awards program instituted by Secretary Lujan to recognize significant contributions in achieving his stewardship goals.

Volunteers, Our Priceless Resource

by Jeanette Davis,
Public Affairs Specialist
Yuma District

Skunk Hollow, Coyote Ridge, Beehive Mesa - - these desert camping areas and others like them in BLM's Long-Term Visitor Areas (LTVAs) in Arizona's Yuma District are home to thousands of winter visitors who enjoy an unstructured, independent lifestyle. The LTVAs are designated areas in which recreationists can stay for an extended period of time between September 15 and April 15 each year for a \$25 fee.

Covering thousands of acres of public land, the LTVA program depends largely on BLM volunteers who manage day-to-day activities from September through April. Yuma District's 108 LTVA volunteers are campground hosts, contact station attendants, and interpretive guides, performing far beyond their job descriptions. These volunteers are BLM's ambassadors of goodwill, and they are dedicated to their work.

Long-time winter visitor and BLM volunteer Oren Peterson expressed his feelings when he said, "It's like a cookie jar - - you just can't keep taking the cookies out or pretty soon the jar'll be empty. I feel that by



Retired school teacher and BLM volunteer Paul Astleford leads Long-Term Visitor Area residents on 6-mile wildlife interpretive hike over the Laguna Mountains.

being a volunteer I can return something to BLM for what they've offered me."

"Without the support we get from our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to carry out the LTVA program which means so much to so many people,"

- Herman Kast

As last season drew to a close, BLM District Manager Herman Kast and resource management staff hosted a "close-out" luncheon for the volunteers to thank them for their outstanding performance, to review the year's successes and continue to look for ways to improve the program.

"Without the support we get from our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to carry out the LTVA program which means so much to so many people," Kast said. "This year's visitor permit sales exceeded 4,000 and our BLM volunteers provided the manpower and expertise needed to make this program a success."

Many of the 108 volunteers have been with the LTVA program since it began in 1983, and they wear the BLM volunteer hat and vest with pride. Six-year-volunteer host at Bee Hive Mesa, Lucille Dirkse, said, "I like being a volunteer because I like to do things, and the hat is important - it helps us do our job - - people respect it."



Paul Sawyer, Richfield DO, and Jerry Farringer, Utah SO, receive the Secretarial Productivity Enhancement Funding Award from Secretary Lujan. Sawyer and Farringer introduced the use of portable computers for wildlife monitoring and inventory data in the field resulting in an estimated savings of \$231,000 over a three-year period.

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baseball was Brian's life. He also knew that as he continued to grow, his feet would become more deformed and there would come a time when he would not be able to walk without crutches or canes. He knew he would never be able to compete in high school baseball. In August 1979, Brian pitched his last game.

As we stood holding each other in the middle of the field on that last day, I can remember saying, "Welcome to the ranks of coaching, Brian." He stepped back and asked me what I meant. I said, "You don't need two good feet to coach little league. And, as you get older, you can coach Babe Ruth league and high school

baseball. I can't think of a more qualified coach than you." He looked at me for a minute, wiped away his tears and said "Sure! Why not?"

I have worked with young people as a volunteer in little league, Babe Ruth, Boy Scouts, basketball, etc., for 36 years. Some of the most memorable moments of my life have resulted from being a volunteer.

You just heard about one of them. After all these years, I am still learning. The kids I coached in my 1955 little league team are now about 43 years old, and I'm still at it and enjoying every minute.

Oh, by the way, let me tell you about my 1990 6th grade girls basketball team. Boy, were they great. There were 19 of them. We started practice...

Inside Track

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